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UPCOMING EVENTS:

1. Policy Webinars

The Early Steps State Office has scheduled two webinars to introduce updates to Early Steps policy documents that will be implemented October 1, 2014. The updates include clarifications related to:

Changes to IFSP Form B

Changes to IFSP Form E (already in production)

Changes to IFSP Form I (already in production)

A few policy clarifications

Movement and/or deletion of some policy-related information

Identical information will be presented during the two webinars, so it is necessary to participate in only one. The updated policy documents are in the process of being posted on the Early Steps website. Webinar information is below.

Date: Tuesday, August 19, 2014 from 10:00 am – 11:30 am (EST)

To join the meeting, go to:

<http://floridanewbornscreening.adobeconnect.com/esso/> - click enter as “guest” and type your name

Conference Call #: 1 888 670 3525

Passcode: 9755323732 then #

Date: Wednesday, August 20, 2014 from 1:00 pm – 2:30 pm (EST)

To join the meeting, go to:

<http://floridanewbornscreening.adobeconnect.com/esso/> - click enter as “guest” and type your name

Conference Call #: 1 888 670 3525

Passcode: 6861777454 then #

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UPCOMING EVENTS, CONTINUED:

2. Webinar: Essentials for Childhood: How States Can Empower Parents

August 19, 2014 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM EST

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This webinar will provide an overview of CDC's [Essentials for Parenting Toddlers and Preschoolers](#) resource and how it is being used to create the context for healthy children and families. Participating states will discuss activities in which they are currently engaged to promote positive parenting and how state health departments and their partners can use *Essentials for Parenting* strategies and other resources to promote healthy parent/child relationships. Participants will learn:

1. How *Essentials for Parenting Toddlers and Preschoolers* supports safe, stable, nurturing relationships and environments for children; and
2. How state health departments and their partners can use *Essentials for Parenting Toddlers and Preschoolers* strategies and other resources to create the context for healthy children and families.

3. Fall 2014 CEED Online Courses

The Center for Early Education and Development (CEED) offers a variety of online courses at for continuing education (clock hours) and academic credit and can be accessed at [CEED Online Courses](#). The course sessions are guided by instructors. Sessions are 9 weeks and instructor-led. Participants will need a high-speed internet connection. The sessions include:

- Working with Parents: Considerations for Special Populations (Begins Sept. 8)
- Parent-Infant Pathways: An Educator's Guide to Providing Information and Support to New Parents (Begins Sept. 15)
- Premature Babies and Their Parents: Information and Insights for Early Intervention Personnel (Begins Sept. 15)
- Critical Learning Through Movement: Infants and Toddlers Exploring Their World (Begins Sept. 15)
- Preschoolers in Movement: Exploring Their World (Begins Sept. 22)
- Bridging Education and Mental Health (Begins Sept. 29)

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MEDICAID UPDATES:

4. Medicaid Alerts and Questions

The Florida Medicaid program has created an email alert system to supplement the present method of receiving Provider Alerts information and to alert registered subscribers of "late-breaking" health care information. You will receive an email when Medicaid policy clarifications or other health care information is available that is appropriate for your selected area and provider type. Visit the **Florida Medicaid's Health Care Alerts** page at <http://ahca.myflorida.com/Medicaid/alerts/alerts.shtml> to subscribe, unsubscribe, or update your subscription.

5. MMA Webinars for the Week of August 18, 2014

The Agency for Health Care Administration will be hosting four webinars this week to provide potential network providers and the public the knowledge and understanding of the Statewide Medicaid Managed Care (SMMC) Managed Medical Assistance (MMA) Program. These webinars will focus on the following areas: *MANAGED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE 101, LTC & MMA PUTTING THE PIECES TOGETHER, MMA RECIPIENT ELIGIBILITY VERIFICATION, and TRANSITIONING TO MANAGED MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.*

- **Managed Medical Assistance 101**
August 18, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time
- **LTC & MMA: Putting the Pieces Together**
August 19, 2014 at 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time
- **Recipient Eligibility Verification**
August 21, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. Eastern Time
- **Transitioning to Managed Medical Assistance**
August 22, 2014 at 2:30 p.m. Eastern Time

For a complete list of upcoming webinars, including dates, times, and call-in details, please refer to the [News and Events Calendar](#). If you have additional topics you would like to see covered, please forward them to FLMedicaidManagedCare@ahca.myflorida.com

Attendance for provider webinars is limited and will be provided on a first-come first-serve basis. In order to accommodate as many participants as possible, please try to consolidate participation within your organization. If you are unable to attend due to scheduling conflicts or the webinar has reached capacity, you can also find most topics on our [SlideShare profile](#) or [YouTube channel](#)

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6. Input Sought on Title V Needs Assessment

The Florida Department of Health is seeking input to help shape maternal and child health services for the coming five years. The **2015 Maternal and Child Health (MCH) Needs Assessment Survey** will be used to evaluate the state's capacity for meeting the needs of women, infants and children. The assessment is part of the state's Title V Maternal and Child Health Block Grant 2015 federal funding request. Title V is a primary source of support for MCH activities in the state. Survey results will be used to identify health priorities in Florida for the following population groups:

- ☐ Maternal / Women's Health
- ☐ Perinatal/ Infant Health
- ☐ Children
- ☐ Adolescent / Young Adults
- ☐ Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs

The Department is interested in obtaining diverse and broad input, particularly from consumers. Please share the link with program participants and partner agencies in your community. The survey has six questions and will take approximately 10 minutes to complete. Go to <http://www.surveytracker.net/scripts/survey.dll?AHID=03X034>. to access the survey. The deadline for completion is August 15, 2014.

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